

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification

Please amend the first complete paragraph on page 3 of the specification as follows:

--Because of the construction of the cover element according to the invention, the latter has a plane and hence unstructured front side formed by the sheet. Technically, printing on sheets can be done much more easily and precisely than on the surface of non-laminar material. For the printing techniques can particularly be applied advantageously with flat sheet ~~or building~~ materials without the printing colors appearing raised in a visually detectable manner. Therefore, the symbol fields are not detectable in the non-backlit state of the sign. The transparent plastic sheet is so thin that backlighting light fed from the rear side of the cover element via the symbol fields emerges at the lateral edges of the plastic sheet in a visually non-detectable manner. Hence, the light guidance to the outer edge of the sheet necessarily provided by the transparent plastic sheet is visually non-detectable.--

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the specification as follows:

-- According to the information to be indicated visually, it is required that a symbol field of the sign adapted to be backlit has

to be backlit in different colors. This is the case, for example, with the "no smoking" sign in an airplane, which includes a stylized cigarette representation and, e.g., a cross with red bars. For shading the portions of the symbol field to be backlit in different colors, it is advantageous if at least one light shading web ~~consisting of~~ formed of the plastic injection molding material projects from the rear side of the plastic sheet within the symbol field.--

Please delete paragraphs 2 and 3 on page 4 of the specification, starting with "According to a variant..." and ending with "...visual perceptibility of the sign."

Please amend the first complete paragraph on page 5 of the specification as follows:

In this embodiment, an insert member 12 adapted to be backlit is clipped into the opening 10 of a wall 11, comprising a cover element 14 made of a plastic material and a housing member 15. This cover element 14 comprises a transparent plastic sheet 16 the one side of which forms the front side 18 of the cover element 14 being provided with a translucent color layer 20. Plastic injection molding material is injected behind the sheet 16 to form a circumferential border 24 projecting from the rear side 22 of the cover element 14. This plastic injection material covers the rear

side of the sheet 16 except for symbol fields 26, 28, which are  
provided with printed symbol 29 at the rear side of the sheet 16.